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FM AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR OPIC INSURANCE-IHC FOR HOTEL DU GOLF
PROJECT

REF: A. STATE 50758 B. STATE 41154 C. ABIDJAN 1401

1. OPIC APPLICATION PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN FULLY CLARIFIED TO
LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE. WILL DISCUSS FURTHER THIS WEEK.
2. IN ANY EVENT, IHC HAS ALREADY FORWARDED COPY OF FGA REQUEST
TO MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE AS DIRECTED BY OPIC.
PRESUME THIS WILL MEET WITH PROMPT RESPONSE SINCE
MINISTER NOW BACK IN IVORY COAST. EMBASSY WILL ENDEAVOR
TO DETERMINE STATUS FGA AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.
3. BELIEVE INITIAL CONFUSION STARTED WITH IHC WHO INFORMED
LOCAL REP HERE THEY DID NOT KNOW PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING
OPIC INSURANCE. PROCEDURE WAS OUTLINED TO LOCAL REP BY
HENDERSON DURING HER VISIT HERE. EMBASSY MENTIONED
PROBLEM TO TROY, WHO PASSED THROUGH ABIDJAN SHORTLY AFTER
AND SHE INDICATED SHE WOULD CLARIFY PROCEDURE WITH IHC.
4. EMBASSY FELT IT WOULD BE BETTER IF IHC DEALT DIRECTLY
WITH OPIC ON THIS QUESTION AND WE ENCOURAGED LOCAL REP
TO SUGGEST IHC NEW YORK CONTACT OPIC WASHINGTON
TO CLEAR UP QUESTIONS ON PROCEDURE.
5. EMBASSY ANXIOUS TO RESOLVE QUESTIONS CONCERNING
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INSURANCE ON PROJECT, BUT AFTER RECEIPT OF COPY OF ROSS'

LETTER TO MINFIN REQUESTING FGA, IT WAS CLEAR ROSS NOT
FULLY INFORMED OF PROCEDURE AT THAT POINT NOR AWARE THAT OPIC
WAS INDEPENDENT AGENCY AND NOT UNDER AID. WILL ENDEAVOR
TO CLARIFY THIS POINT TO MINFIN AS WELL. PLEASE INFORM
US IF YOU RECEIVE FGA IN NEAR FUTURE. POST WILL DO ALL
POSSIBLE TO ASSIT IHC AND OPIC IN STRAIGHTENING PROBLEM
OUT. SMITH

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